

APPENDIX C

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FEDERAL

Transportation

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficiency
Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU)

Six year funding bill signed into law August 2005 authorizing 244.1 billion in Federal Tax gas-tax revenue and other federal funds to be used for all modes of transportation. Bicycle and Pedestrian programs are can be included in programs eligible for over half of the funds.

Examples of programs include the Congestion and Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Surface Transportation Program (STP), and Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP). Funds may be distributed through State departments.

Source: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/index.htm>

Non-Transportation

AmeriCorps, Bureau of Land
Management, National Endowment for
the Arts, National Forest Service,
National Park Service, Natural
Resources, and Conservation Service

Provides funding or human resources to support trails, urban forestry, and other facilities beneficial to the non-motorized transportation network.

Programs providing financial resources include AmeriCorps VISTA, Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF), Urban and Community Forestry Program, and Resource Conservation and Development Partners. Programs offering opportunities to utilize human resources include AmeriCorps VISTA and the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program which provides human resources through collaborative partnerships, leveraging expertise and experience to help communities set priorities and achieve goals.

Source: http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp; <http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/lwcf/>; http://www.fs.fed.us/r1-r4/spf/community_assistance.html#ucf; <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>; <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/index.htm>

Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) and Indian Community
Development Block Grant (ICDB)

Funding through the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for community based projects such as commercial district streetscape improvements, sidewalk improvements, safe routes to school, and bike-ped facilities that improve local transportation options or help revitalize neighborhoods.

Source: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>;
www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/icdbg.cfm

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OTHER RESOURCES

Idaho Department of Commerce

Idaho GEM Grant (IGG)	<p>Assistance for rural cities with populations less than 10K and counties working with unincorporated rural communities. Special circumstances such as larger communities whose population is affected by temporary residents or for projects whose direct benefit will reach rural communities may also be considered. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate direct and immediate job creation benefits. The maximum grant amount is 50K with a 20 percent match required.</p> <p>Source: http://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/idaho-gem-grants.aspx</p>
Gem Community Assistance Program	<p>Provides technical assistance and training to rural community projects. Communities with populations of 10K or less are targeted for assistance.</p> <p>Source: http://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/gem-communities.aspx</p>
Rural Community Peer Program	<p>Provides rural communities an opportunity to learn from other community's best practices through on site peer learning. Communities with populations of 10K or less are targeted. Applicants can apply for up to \$350.00 to assist or cover the costs of the peer visit.</p> <p>Source: http://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/rural-community-peer-program.aspx</p>

Private Foundations & Corporations

Bikes Belong Grant	<p>Provides up to \$10k in funding to help build facilities and encourage ridership. Eligible facilities include bike paths, trails, bridges, mountain bike facilities, bike parks, and bmx facilities. Eligible advocacy projects include programs that significantly increase ridership, innovative pilot projects, and programs that have significant political impact.</p> <p>Source: http://bikesbelong.org/node/39</p>
Kodak American Greenways Program	<p>Provides small grants of \$500-\$2500 to help stimulate the planning and design of greenways.</p> <p>Source: http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards</p>
REI Environmental Grants	<p>Provides funding ranging from \$500-\$8,000 in support of making outdoor activities welcoming and accessible to all people. REI employees must first nominate non-profit organizations for REI grants, and upon nomination, nominated organizations are invited to submit proposals.</p> <p>Source: http://www.rei.com/aboutrei/grants02.html</p>

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Prepared September 2009. Other resources used: <http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/funding/sources-government.cfm>;
<http://www.walkinginfo.org/funding/sources-government.cfm>; http://www.pps.org/parks_plazas_squares/info/funding/greenway_sources